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Dear Choir Parents,

As you know, the DCTA teacher strike is set to begin tomorrow morning, Monday, February 11th. We will be striking in solidarity with our East and DPS colleagues and will not be in our classrooms. We would like to share a few reasons for our decision to strike with you because they are important to us.

We are not striking simply for the desire for a higher salary. We are striking for the following reasons:
1. For our profession to be valued by our district and by the public.
2. For younger teachers to earn a living wage to be able to live in the communities in which they teach.
3. For DPS to be able to retain high-quality teachers for the long-term.
4. For people to be able to become career educators.
5. To make sure the district's resources are being spent in ways that benefit our students.

As for your students, we feel strongly that they should attend school this week in support of the strike. Mr. Taylor is sending his 2nd and 5th grade students to school all week.

It is our most sincere hope that this situation gets resolved quickly and that we are back making music with our students. You are welcome to contact us with questions anytime during the strike via our Gmail accounts (Mrs. Knack - rebecca.knack@gmail.com; Mr. Taylor - wtaylorehs@gmail.com).

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs. Knack & Mr. Taylor
Choir Directors
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